responsible for the accident. The machinery to enforce accountability for railway accidents already exists on the Indian Railways.

One of steps taken to improve the safety at unmanned level crossings is their progressive manning. Railway undertakes the manning of unmanned level crossings based on the criteria/guidelines laid down which includes volume of rail and road traffic moving through level crossing, plying of motor vehicles and visibility criteria. Apart from manning of unmanned level crossings steps are taken to improve basic infrastructure at level crossings, improving road surface, provision of speed breakers/rumble strips on approaches, availability of signboards and publicity to improve safety awareness among road users etc. Train drivers are instructed to whistle continuously while approaching level crossings.

Assistance to Madhya Pradesh for bio-diesel producing seeds

†*88. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Central Government regarding plantation of bio-diesel producing Ratanjot-Karang seeds for saving foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds demanded and the amount allocated for the same, so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Several proposals have been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding plantation of bio-diesel producing plants such as Ratanjot (Jatropha) and Karanja seeds. These include proposals for nursery raising, plantation and research and development. The funds demanded so far amount to Rs. 67437.89 lakh and the funds allocated so far Rs. 351.73 lakh, the details of which are contained in the statement.

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Statement

Assistance to Madhya Pradesh for bio-diesel producing seeds

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	*Organisation*	*Component*	Physical and Financial Targets		
			Physical	Funds demanded by Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Funds Sanctioned by Central Govt.
1	2	3	4	5	6
A.	**Promotional Programmes**				
1	SDA, Bhopal	Nursery-jatropha	250000 Nos.		10.00
		Plantation-	250000 Nos.		20.00
		Total		**50.00**	**30.00**
2	PCCF, Bhopal	Nursery-jatropha	250000 Nos.		10.00
		Plantation-	250000 Nos.		20.00
		Total		**66530.00**	**30.00**
3	SDH&FF, Bhopal	Nursery-jatropha	100000 Nos.		4.00
		Plantation-	10,0000 Nos.		8.00
		Nursery-karanja	50000 Nos.		3.00
		Plantation	50000 Nos.		5.00
		Total		**45.00**	**20.00**
4*	SDH&FF, Bhopal	Plantation-jatropha	200 ha.		50.00
		Neem	50 ha.		5.50
		Karanja	50 ha.		6.50
		Mahua	50 ha.		4.50
		TBOs garden	20 ha.		8.00
		Farmers training	2 nos.		0.40
		Total		**56.50**	**74.90**
5*	MP COS & T, Bhopal	Plantation-Jatropha	90 ha.		72.50
		TBOs garden	3ha.		1.20
		Farmers training	5 nos.		1.00
		Trainers training	2 nos.		0.81
		Total		**82.70**	**75.51**
6*	JNKVV Jabalpur	Plantation-jatropha	275ha.		68.75
		TBOs Gardern	9 ha.		3.60
		Farmers training	4 nos.		0.80
		Trainers training	2 nos.		0.81
		Total		**96.19**	**73.96**
		Sub total-A		**66860.39**	**304.37**

*Besides above, these proposals have also been revalidated for implementation during 2005-06 which could not be implemented during 2004-05 due to ending of suitable planting season.

1	2	3	4	5	6
B. R&D Programmes					
7.	TFRI, Jabalpur	R&D on Jatropha & Karanja	**	25.07	+20.98
8.	PCCF–(SFRI, Jabalpur)	R&D on Jatropha	**	544.97	+12.43
9.	JNKVV,	R&D on Jatropha &	**	7.46	+13.95
		Sub total-B		**577.50**	**47.36**
		Grand Total (A+B)		**67437.89**	**351.73**

**The Board has initiated a National network on Integrated Development of Jatropha and Karanja by involving 35 R&D institutes of ICAR, CSIR, ICFRE, SAUs, IIT etc. including three Institutes/Universities from Madhya Pradesh to undertake the R&D activities.

+ Includes allocation for the year 2006-07.

Effect of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 on developmental works

†*89. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is the main hurdle in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and other developmental work particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of cases seeking permission for construction of roads on the forest land falling enroute and other development works under the scheme forwarded by the State Government during last three years alongwith the number of cases cleared and pending so far; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for a permanent solution to the problem?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A.RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is a regulatory and not a prohibitory Act. It has the enabling provisions for the Central Government to grant permission for non-forestry use of forest land for developmental purposes. Proposals for forestry clearance for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are dealt

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